



*Handwritten signature/initials*

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named  
Inventor : Mingzhong Ding et al.

Appln. No.: 09/885,302

Filed : June 20, 2001

For : VARIABLE TPI DATA RECORDING  
IN HARD DISC DRIVES

Docket No.: S01.12-0709/STL 9808

Group Art Unit: 2651

Examiner:

Andrew L. Sniezek

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PAPER IS  
BEING SENT BY U.S. MAIL, FIRST CLASS, TO  
THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O.  
BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450,  
THIS

22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2005.

*Handwritten signature*  
PATENT ATTORNEY

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed March 30, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-5.

**FEE FOR FILING NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other than a small entity	\$500.00
<input type="checkbox"/> small entity	\$250.00

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

These proceedings are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

(a) ☒ Applicants petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Extension</u> <u>(months)</u>	<u>Fee for other than</u> <u>small entity</u>	<u>Fee for</u> <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00

07/27/2005 BABRAHA1 00000037 09885302

01 FC:1401

500.00 OP

<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for --- --- has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$--- is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$---

or

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

**TOTAL FEE DUE**

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal fee \$500

Extension fee (if any) \$120

**Total Fee Due \$620**

**FEE PAYMENT**

☒ A check in the amount of \$620 is attached.

☐ Charge Deposit Account No. 23-1123, the sum of \$   .

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
WESTMAN, CHAMPLIN & KELLY, P.A.

By: 

Alan G. Rego, Reg. No. 45,956  
Suite 1400 - International Centre  
900 Second Avenue South  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3319  
Phone: (612) 334-3222 Fax: (612) 334-3312

AGR:tkj